DISCLAIMER PROCEDURE

The State of Idaho owns the beds and banks of all navigable waters below the ordinary high water mark, assuming the waterways were navigable at the time of statehood. These sovereign lands were acquired by virtue of the Equal Footing Doctrine and are administered by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Public Trust Doctrine.

Two methods exist to clear title to property in areas where the navigable waterways have changed:

- 1) Quiet Title action through the courts
- 2) Disclaimer of Interest from the Department of Lands

The procedure for acquiring a disclaimer of interest is as follows:

- 1. Contact the appropriate IDL Supervisory Area Office to determine if the subject property qualifies for issuance of a disclaimer.
- 2. If the property qualifies, the subject property will require a legal survey. An IDL representative will visit the site with the surveyor to establish the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).
- 3. In cases where the present river has moved onto lands outside the GLO meander line survey, the IDL will require the requesting party to disclaim to the State, that portion of the present riverbed lying outside the GLO meander line survey. The plat and legal description must show the location and acres of the riverbed parcel to be disclaimed to the state.
- 4. Since statehood, accretions have resulted from artificial means such as diking, filling, irrigation diversions, dam construction, etc. These lands must remain in the Public Trust. To avoid extensive research and potential litigation, the IDL will use the existing OHWM providing the requesting party will grant a 25-foot public use right of way along and adjacent to the existing ordinary high water line, dependent on the desires of the local land use planning entity.
- 5. The surveyor will need to prepare a record of survey, and a metes and bounds description, which shows: 1) the areas to be disclaimed from the state to the property owner; 2) from the property owner to the state; and 3) of the pedestrian pathway. These documents must show the present OHWM in relation to the original meander line as surveyed by the federal government land office (GLO) and be tied to the nearest section or quarter corner.
- 6. When the survey has been completed, submit the following documents to the Department of Lands office:
 - (a) A letter of request for the Disclaimer of Interest. Include the acreage of accretion land requested and the exact name and address you wish to appear on the disclaimer.
 - (b) A full size copy of the record of survey and a copy of the legal descriptions. A digital copy of the legal descriptions will also need to be provided.

- (c) Tax payment history.
- (d) Proof of ownership of the upland property adjacent to the area to be disclaimed; a copy of the property deed is preferable.

The fee for the disclaimer is the actual cost of the field inspection and preparation of the required documents but not less than \$600. Applicant will be billed following approval by the State Board of Land Commissioners.

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